



GOSH! REAL, LIVE INDIANS!



We based the Indian story in this book on real, live Indians-the Indian dancers from the St. John's School of Laveen, Arizona.

These boys are full-blooded Indians of the Apache, Pima, Navajo, and Papago tribes. At their school, run by the Franciscan friars in the Arizona desert, over 400 Indian boys and girls attend grade and high school.

There, these "First Americans" learn useful skills to enable them to get along in the "white man's world." They have even built their own school fire engineready for action in 28 seconds !

The St. John's Indian Dancers tour the country each summer to call attention to the fine work of their school.























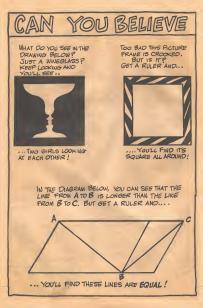




































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INDIANS WHOOP IT UP!



Above is the St. John's Drum and Bugle Corps, which also goes on extensive tours.

Right: --The Indian dancers at the airport in Frankfurt, Germany. They have made three trips to Europe to display their native dances, and have found that many people in Europe are very much interested in our Old West.

The boys make their own native costumes to keep up their age-old skills.





